

WEATHER.
Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; warmer tomorrow.
Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 2 p.m. today: Highest, 90 at 2 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 65 at 7:30 a.m. today.

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RAIL PEACE MOVES VEILED IN SECRECY, BUT HOPE PERSISTS

Executives Deny Knowledge
as Rumors Indicate Separate Agreements.

WESTERN ROAD HEADS TO MEET WITH WILLARD

Shops Reported Near Normal on
Many Lines, Officials Claiming
Shoppers Have Lost.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, September 8.—Persistent rumors of an impending peace or partial settlement of the railroad strike continued here today without any definite statements by rail heads or union officials to substantiate the reports.
In fact, most of the railroad executives who commented upon the rumors denied knowledge of new proposals to end the strike, and union leaders declined to lift the cloak of secrecy which appears to surround the reported peace move.
Expressions of hope for separate agreements with individual roads were the most positive statements any union leaders had made as the time approached for Monday's meeting of the shop crafts policy committee. Arrangements for this meeting, called for a preliminary conference here today between Bert M. Jewell, head of the striking shopmen, and his executive council.
Jewell Served With Notice.
Mr. Jewell, William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, and Martin E. Ryan, president of the International Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, arrived in Chicago this morning from the east and were served with the notice of the temporary injunction granted the government last Friday.
The shopcraft leaders came to the city for preliminary conference in connection with the meeting of the union policy committee of ninety members on Monday. The policy committee it has been reported, was expected to decide whether separate agreements with the railroads would be approved. Previous meetings of the committee have rejected individual agreements.
A meeting of several western railroads executives with Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was expected to be held this afternoon. No formal announcement of the meeting was made, although it was understood the question of reaching separate agreements with the striking railroad shop crafts would be considered.
Mr. Willard arrived in the midst of the floating peace rumors, but the subject of his conferences with other railroad executives was not disclosed. Officials of the New York Central Lines and the Chicago and North Western, with whom Mr. Willard was reported to have conferred, denied that any settlement proposals had been even tentatively discussed.
Willard's Second Visit.
Mr. Willard's second visit to Chicago is the second he had made here within the last week. He returned to the city last Friday, after being reported to have conferred there with Mr. Jewell at a secret conference, but rumors of such a meeting were denied.
While waiting here for the return from New York of Samuel M. Belton, president of the Chicago Great Western and chairman of the western rail executives' committee on public relations, Mr. Willard also conferred with Hale Holden, president of the Burlington; James E. Gorman, president of the Rock Island; and E. E. Byram, president of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul, and Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific.
Will Consider Policy.
Supporting the denials of railway presidents that there had been any peace negotiations, was a statement by J. P. Noonan, chief of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who said that the union leaders were not settling discussions proceeding with any of the railroads at this time, although they might, at the suggestion to Mr. Jewell that the shop crafts policy committee meeting was to consider the general policy and the Daugherty injunction, he said.
The policy meeting is called for the same time that Judge Wilkeson is due to hear Attorney General Daugherty's application to make the government's strike injunction permanent.
Many Shops Near Normal.
Several roads reported their shops to be operating on an almost normal basis, declaring the shopmen had lost their strike. The Chicago and North Western, for example, reported that the country remained generally quiet.
Mr. Jewell and all officials of the six shop crafts on strike were reported to have voluntarily accepted their own union salaries in half until termination of the strike. The salary reductions were made, it was said, at the suggestion to Mr. Jewell that the leaders should help bear the burden of the rank and file of the unions.

MAIL TRAIN DERAILLED

PITTSBURGH, Pa., September 8.—The second section of Pennsylvania mail train No. 11, New York to St. Louis, was derailed near Kittanning Point west of Altoona, Pa., this morning, and two postal clerks and one passenger were injured slightly. Two passenger coaches were derailed, and the train was delayed four hours. The cause of the derailment has not been determined.

HINTON'S FLIGHT HALTED

PORTA AU PRINCE, September 8.—Lieut. Walter Hinton, who is making a flight from New York to Rio Janeiro, was delayed here today, owing to the necessity of changing his engines from low to high compression. Parts for the new adjustments were supplied by the 4th Air Squadron of the marines. The overhauling will add several hours to the flight. Lieut. Hinton is expected to leave Sunday for San Juan.

STRIKE END DECLARED NEAR ON MANY ROADS

Settlement Is Expected Within Three Days on Most of Southern and Some of Northern Lines.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
Eighty thousand miles of railroad out of a total of approximately 230,000 miles are involved in the partial settlement of the shopmen's strike, negotiation of which will be completed in the next three days.
Details of the peace overtures have reached government officials informally. Some of the essential points in the latest peace move are these:
First, most of the southern roads, with two or three exceptions, notably the Norfolk and Western, but including the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Southern railway, are represented in the group of executives which is ready to make settlement with the strikers.
Second, of the northern railroads, the New York Central is considering the proposal, though denials are being made that a decision has been reached.
Third, the basis of settlement is almost exactly that which was suggested by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and other executives after the brotherhood chiefs failed to mediate in New York. It will be recalled that separate peace efforts were made at that time, but were rejected by B. M. Jewell.
Fourth, all the roads who agree to the plan will take back the strikers before October 1, under the first and second clauses of President Harding's first proposal, namely, that the Railroad Labor Board's decision on wages be accepted and lawsuits on both sides be withdrawn. As for seniority, there are no vacancies in those particular jobs, then positions of equal pay will be given the strikers.
Seniority to Be Adjusted.
The seniority question will be left to a board of adjustment in each case of three men on each side and if there is a deadlock, the Railroad Labor Board will be asked to assume jurisdiction and decide the disputed points.
The prime movers in these informal negotiations are Daniel Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio and B. M. Jewell, who have arranged the whole business, so that the meetings in Chicago in the next three days will really determine how many roads are ready to accept the scheme. The situation is somewhat analogous to that which brought an end to the soft coal strike, when John L. Lewis succeeded in persuading enough coal operators to sign the peace agreement at Cleveland. In that case, however, the coal operators were more or less compelled by competitive conditions to fall in line after a powerful group of coal operators had signed the agreement.
Some Roads Defiant.
The railroads who do not wish to accept the Jewell-Willard plan, however, are in a different position. Roads like the Pennsylvania, for instance, feel that they can get along without taking the strikers back and that they can hold out for a much more definite surrender on the part of their former employees, so that the lesson will be firmly implanted on the minds of all those who shall dare to strike on the mighty Pennsylvania again.
In other words, the railroads who feel the pinch are settling the strike. This means that on the whole transportation will be materially improved and the coal carrying roads are expected to fall in line one after the other in ratifying the agreements made in Chicago. Official Washington believes the Chicago negotiations mean the beginning of the end of the strike and the word passed around here from both labor and railroad sources would seem to indicate as much. The "irreconcilable" or "die hard element" in the railroad group are not showing any signs of a change of position. What they will do after the Chicago peace treaty is signed is another question, but it is probably that the eighty thousand miles will be gradually increased so that very few systems will remain out of the strike settlement.
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U. S. PROBES PLOT TO BURN BRIDGES

Marshal Uncovers State-Wide Conspiracy in Oklahoma.

By the Associated Press.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., September 8.—Federal operatives today were investigating what United States Marshal Alva McDonald declared was in his opinion a state-wide plot among certain striking railroad shopmen to destroy railroad bridges and hamper operation of trains. Within less than a month five bridges have been burned in Oklahoma under mysterious circumstances. Other instances of tampering with railroad equipment, endangering the lives of passengers and passengers, have been reported.
Four men were held here today by federal officers in connection with the burning of a Rock Island railroad bridge near El Reno, Okla., on the night of August 27, and Marshal McDonald declared confessions made by the two men indicated a well-founded plot to destroy bridges and hamper railroad service across the state.
The latest bridge burning was reported yesterday. A forty-five-foot bridge on the Midland Valley railroad near Bixby being destroyed.
The day before a 250-foot trestle on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad five miles west of Altus burst into flames immediately after a passenger train passed over it. Officials declared the fire was of incendiary origin.
Train Narrowly Escapes.
Fire damaged a bridge on the Fort Smith and Western railroad last Sunday night near McCurtain.
More than a week ago a bridge of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad near Tecumseh was destroyed by fire. Several arrests were made, but the men were released after an investigation.
On September 4 a Santa Fe train running between Kansas City and Galveston narrowly escaped a wreck near Ardmore. A switch on the main line was broken off by a passing train. The switch lock had been broken off and the signal light shrank into flames immediately after a slow-moving train was running over it. The switch lock was broken off and the signal light shrank into flames immediately after a slow-moving train was running over it.
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PARIS "ASSASSIN" FIRES AND FAINTS

Bullet Aimed at Auto Believed Intended for President Millerand.

PRISONER FROM EGYPT

Visited Palace of the Elysee With Note and Concealed Revolver.

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, September 8.—Georges Saleh, an Egyptian student, fired a shot at an automobile in front of the palace of the Elysee today, believing the car to be President Millerand's. The shot went wild, but the President was slightly injured. The student was arrested and taken to prison.

MRS. HARDING ILL; CONCERN IS FELT

BY GEN. SAWYER
Serious complications developed in the illness of Mrs. Harding, wife of the President, last night, but they were relieved this morning, and the situation is resting more easily. Brig. Gen. Sawyer, the physician in attendance, said today, in a statement issued at the White House, Mrs. Harding's illness is still regarded with "much concern," the bulletin said.

HADLEIGH TO GO ON BLOCK AGAIN

Sale October 10 to Satisfy Holders of \$1,300,000 Mortgage.

Foreclosure of a \$1,300,000 mortgage on the Hadleigh Hotel, 16th and V streets northwest, by the S. W. Strauss Company of New York, following failure of the owners, the Washington Properties Company, to meet several payments on the principal and interest was announced today through the trustees' attorneys, Nicholas R. Jones and Wilton J. Lamberti.

Had Cairo Passport.

The young Egyptian had a passport issued by the French legation in Cairo. He denied intending to shoot the president. He said he had written to the legation for money, when he failed to receive funds from his Egyptian relatives, but as the president failed to reply he hid gone to the palace intending to commit suicide in the presence of the president as a form of protest against the chief executive's "indifference."

SHUSTER ELOPEMENT NIPPED BY ACCIDENT

GLASGOW, Ky., September 8.—Carolyn Shuster, eighteen, daughter of W. Morgan Shuster, president of the Century Publishing Company, New York, and William Morris, twenty, son of a Glasgow merchant, were found today by searchers at Goodnight, a village eight miles north of here.

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South Russian Revolt Draws Battle of Reds

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LONDON, September 8.—Rebellion broke out yesterday in South Russia, according to a Helsinki dispatch to the Central News via Copenhagen. The Odessa soviets have declared South Russia and the Crimea independent. There is fighting in many districts between the rebels and the soviets, the dispatch said. The crews of warships stationed at Sebastopol also were reported to be in a state of mutiny.

U. S. BATTLESHIPS GUARD SMYRNA AS TURK ARMY NEARS

Allied Fleet Cleared for Action Ready to Protect Panic-Stricken.

CONSTANTINE ABDICATION SEEN AS CABINET QUILTS

Strong Public Sentiment Against War Reverses Brings Greek Government Crisis.

By the Associated Press.
SYMRNA, September 8.—Only an eyewitness can realize the extent of the disaster to the Greek army, which is termed by many one of the most decisive in military history. An army of 150,000 men, well organized and equipped, has been transformed in less than two weeks into a virtual band of refugees.

LA FOLLETTE PLEA THRILLS MICHIGAN

His Fight on "Newberryism" Is Also Echoed in Other States.

TOWNSEND FACES TEST

Senator Who Voted to Seat Newberry Encounters Stiff Opposition.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.
(Staff Correspondent of The Star.)
DETROIT, September 8.—Falling like a bombshell in the inflammable conditions of the contest for the United States senate in Michigan, the statement of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, published here, appealing for other states to follow Wisconsin's example in upholding certain state policies, created a sensation. It was construed as likely to affect the senatorial primaries next Tuesday, because one of the La Follette policies was "Newberryism" condemned and Newberry's expulsion from the senate demanded.

Trace of Norse Tribe Lost 900 Years Found by Macmillan

Daring Arctic Explorer Returns From Long Trip With Great Collection of Magnetic Observations.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
SYDNEY, N. S., September 8.—Donald B. Macmillan, intrepid arctic explorer of Bowdoin College, Maine, arrived back in civilization yesterday. When the stanch little fifteen-ton auxiliary schooner Bowdoin dropped anchor here there was no greeting for him.

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